

Revelation 7:1-17

Introduction: This seems to answer the question of 6:17. There are 2 groups enabled by God to stand during the time of His wrath.

- 1) A remnant of believing Jews are sealed—7:1-8
 - a) The temporary suspension of harm upon the earth—7:1-3
 - i) The supernatural cause—7:1-2
 - ii) The purpose for the delay—7:3
 - (1) Seal [sphragis # 4973]: a mark of devotion to and protection by a master
 - (2) What does the seal say? The name of both the Lamb and the Father—14:1-5
 - (3) There will be an imitation seal from the Satanic forces—13:16-17; 14:9-11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4
 - b) A remnant from specific Jewish tribes is identified—7:4-8
 - i) 144,000 Jewish male virgins who will help fulfill Matthew 24:14
 - ii) There is no clear example of the church being called “Israel” in the NT or early church writings until 160 AD.
- 2) Numerous Gentiles and Jews will be converted and die during the Tribulation—7:9-17
 - a) The composition of this innumerable crowd—7:9
 - i) Where are they from? What are they doing? What is their appearance?
 - ii) Does this also include the martyrs observed in the 5th seal? (6:9-11)
 - b) The innumerable crowd praises both the Father and the Son—7:10
 - c) The angels of heaven respond in praise—7:11-12 (cf. 4:11; 5:12-13) (cf. Luke 15:10)
 - d) The identity of this innumerable crowd—7:13-17
 - i) The leading question from one of the 24 elders—7:13-14:a
 - ii) Their time—7:14a *the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation*, (cf. Daniel 12:1)
 - iii) Their cleansing salvation—7:14b *and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*. (Cf. Luke 22:20; Romans 3:25; 5:9; 1st Corinthians 11:25; Ephesians 2:13; Hebrews 10:19; Revelation 1:5; 5:9)
 - iv) Their consistent service to God—7:15a (cf. Revelation 11:19)
 - v) Their comfort is the shekinah presence of God—7:15b-17 *And the One sitting upon the throne (the Father) will spread His tent [skenoō # 4637] over them*. (cf. Ezekiel 37:27; Zechariah 2:10-11; 8:3; John 1:14; Revelation 21:3)
 - (1) Their comforting provision is described—7:16-17 (stated negatively; cf. Isaiah 49:10?)
 - (a) Provision of food and drink—¹⁶ *They will neither be hungry anymore nor be thirsty anymore*;
 - (b) Provision of shelter—*the sun will not in any way fall upon them, nor any scorching heat*;
 - (2) The basis of their comforting provision—7:17 ¹⁷ *because ...*
 - (a) God the Son—*the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne ...*
 - (i) *will shepherd them* (cf. Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15)
 - (ii) *and guide them to living fountains of waters*,
 - (b) God the Father—*and God will wipe away all tears* (resulting from the Tribulation) *from their eyes*.” (cf. Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:4)
 - (3) These 7 promises will ultimately be fulfilled in the eternal state (Revelation 21-22).